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MOTHER JONES DEPORTED AGAIN

COLORADO MILITARY OFFICIALS REPEAT THEIR OFFENSE AGAINST LAW AND ORDER

AFRAID OF AN OLD WOMAN'S INFLUENCE, THE SOLDIERS AGAIN USE FORCE AGAINST HER

A white-haired woman, past 81 years of ...e, who has devoted herself to the cause of ...bor's emancipation, especially the emancipation of the most sadly oppressed miners, has ...come such a power that she is feared and ...ated by the robber miner barons more than ...y other labor leader of America. Mother ...ones, who was advertised as the chief speaker ...t a meeting of the striking miners at Walsenburg, Colorado, was taken from the train by ...oldiers before she reached her speaking point ...nd forced under constant guard to go to ...Denver. She declares she will go and help ...he miners inspite of the traitorous military ...thorities. This is the second time Mother ...ones has b...

The miners, and ... course ...ery indignant at ... and unconstitutional hindrance to free speech. And President John McLennon of the State Federation of Labor voices a feeling that continually increases among the long outraged working men of America when he says, "The time has come when it is just as necessary for a striker to possess a rifle as a union card."

These are dangerous words, and bode ill for America, because they seem prophetic. And the man who is willing to tolerate the outlaw methods of mine operators and their hirelings, such as are being used in West Virginia, Michigan and Colorado, is a hypocrite if he condemns the miners for threatening violence in return. Only those who condemn unsparingly the illegal methods of the capitalist exploiters and outlaws may consistently condemn threats of violence on the part of tricked, robbed and oppressed workingmen. A civil war is brewing in America, and nothing can prevent it breaking out and spreading over the nation except the punishment and prevention of outlaw methods by capitalists especially mine owners. Let wise men, true lovers of justice and peace, speak up for genuine "law and order" and help bring the chief criminals to justice. It is useless to cry "peace" until justice reigns. If the masters are not compelled to obey the law, their suffering slaves can not —without giving up the hope of freedom and sinking with their children to greater depths of misery.

Other Leaders Deported

Seven strike leaders were also arbitrarily and illegally deported by force from Oak Creek on the same day that Mother Jones was driven away. They sent a message to Congressman Edward Keating of Colorado as follows:

"Will the U. S. government allow a federal officer to take the law into his own hands, establish mob rule, and deprive men of their rights guaranteed by the laws of the United States?"

It is reasonable to suppose that the deportation of Mother Jones and these Colorado officers, and the bloody assault upon and deportation of Pres. Moyer from Michigan will arouse the nation to demand of Congress some action that will prove effective in restraining mine operators and other ruthless "owners" of the people's wealth from using thugs, gunmen, corrupt courts, traitorous military officials, and other illegal and criminal means of keeping their employes in subjection.

COMRADES—AWAKE

The labor question has become bigger than questions of tariff, currency, or Mexican investments.

This issue of the Christian Socialist, voicing the cry of the oppressed and sounding the note of warning to oppressors and to those that stand idly by, should go into every home in your community, especially into the home of every preacher and teacher. If it does, you will have to put it there. We would do so if we could, but our arms and money are both too short. Do your part. One cent per copy in bundles is so cheap that you and your nearby comrades can saturate your community with these papers. Please do so. Our hearts burn to have these messages reach all men. You give them to your community anyway. Act promptly before the forms must be torn up.

Class War in Michigan

Moyer Shot, Boston, Illegally Deported—Scores of Children Destroyed in Suspicious Panic—Capitalists Resist Government Investigation—Miners Keep Peace Under Inhuman Provocations—Their Issue Becomes National.

The never ceasing industrial war in America, which yearly leaves more than a half million men killed or crippled, besides impoverishing tens of millions of men, women and children, has shifted its center of interest for the present from West Virginia and Colorado to Michigan, where a bloody and awful tragedy is being enacted.

Soon after the strike in the copper mines about Calumet, Michigan, began, James Hogerhyde, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Michigan, was appointed by the National Office of the Party to investigate and report conditions. Following is a part of his report:

Upon arrival in the strike zone, I found little on the surface to indicate that a great industrial conflict was being waged, a comparative quiet reigned. To one traveling through the strike-bound district, it would not appear that 15,000 miners and a large number of women were pitting their powers of resistance against the combined forces serving the interests of the industrial Czars of the Copper Country.

The conditions prevalent in the mines of the copper country are those of abject slavery, and greater disregard for human lives is not conceivable. Illy ventilated, the mines are a menace to the health of the workers. It is conceded that the span of a trammer's usefulness is about five years. Improperly timbered, accidents are numerous. Statistics are not available as the companies conduct hospitals of their own presided over by the company doctor.

The miners spend from 10 to 11 hours underground in the mines, which are as much as 7,000 feet deep. That far below the surface the air is hot and foul. The air pumped into the shafts is wholly insufficient and cannot reach into the drifts and up the stopes, the only air reaching from the outside being the exhaust from the drills.

The compensation for work in these mines varies, but approximates $2.25 per day. It is of course contended that the wage is more nearly $2.75 and some times $3.00, but it must be remembered that deductions are made for supplies, rent, fuel, doctor and hospital fees.

Contract System

The most abominable condition of all is the "contract system" which reduces the miners to industrial serfs and gives the companies the most absolut power to "discipline" the men. By this system a certain piece of work is allotted the miners whic may, or may not contain ore in paying quantities The miner receives no pay for rock mined which does not contain paying ore and according to the terms of the contract the miner has no claim against the company until the contract is completed. By reason of this it often happens that at the end of the month the miner has no pay coming, but is indebted for supplies, etc., instead, which debt is taken from his next month's pay. Because of these conditions, the miner never knew what he had coming; it might be anywhere from $1.50 to $2.50, or nothing at all.

"Widow Maker"

The mines being unsafe, and accidents from falling "loose" and "caves" frequent, the miners when working in pairs very often were able to assist each other at such time. But as human lives are of no consequence in these underground infernoes, and every pore of the masters of the mines cried greedily for profits, the two-man plan had to be abandoned as too extravagant when a one-man machine was invented. This machine which is called the "widowmaker" has done more to awaken the miners than all the agitation of union organizers and Socialist agitators.

Poor Wages

From the foregoing, the inhumanity and abject slavery to which the miners had to submit is apparent. But in order that we may have a thorough understanding of the situation, comparison with the copper districts in the west may be useful:

Wages in Michigan are about.....$2.25
In the west.....$3.50 to $4.00
Work day in Michigan is.....10 to 11 hours
In the west.....8 hours
The cost of production outside of wages is 8 cents per pound in Michigan.
In the west it is 10 to 11 cents per pound.

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...poorest ...at the Michigan mine ...e in a position to pay at least the same, ... not better wages than are the operators in the west.

Strikers' Demands

The demands of the strikers are:

Recognition of the union.

Eight hours workday.

Minimum wage of $3,00 per day underground.

Thirty-five cents flat increase for surface workers.

Two men to all machines.

Capitalist Violence

Mr. Hogerhyde describes the condition of the mines as to the number working when he was there then continues:

This report would not be complete without calling attention to the courageous conduct of the women, who have been out in the cold of early morning on picket duty, headed the parades, and whenever and wherever duty called, they were there regardless of age or nationality. They even went to jail unabashed and undaunted.

The spirit of the miners is unsubdued; there is scarcely a break in the ranks and so every indication, while not pointing to an immediate settlement, assures a successful issue of the strike, if want and privation is warded off by strike relief.

All the powers of the state and private strike-breaking agencies have been employed to intimidate and coerce the strikers. Anathemas have been hurled from pulpits by deputized priests, subtle suggestions and tricky lies, appeals to national, religious and political prejudices have been resorted to by a prostitute press without avail. The strikers are as firmly resolved at this stage of the struggle to win, as when they first refused to enter the mines.

The reign of terror, which, following the importation of gunmen and militia, marked the month of August, had spent its violence owing to the splendid discipline and admirable selfcontrol of the strikers, who, in spite of outrageous treatment refused to be driven to the commission of covert acts. This is all the more remarkable when it is borne in mind that many of the miners are of the hot tempered national types, which are quick to resent ill treatment and whose simple sense of justice is ordinarily not slow to mete out a primitive form of punishment to offenders. The clubbing of unoffending citizens by cavalry who patrolled the streets and rode down civilians in true Cossack style, the interference with peaceful parades, ... meeting ... merican flags carried by strikers could not be pected to create good will, but it failed utterly to ite the srikers.

Strikers Murdered

The outrages committed during August were numerous and varied in character. Two strikers were wantonly murdered and two seriously wounded at an Austrian boarding house, near Painesdale by Waddell gunmen. A striker was shot from behind while peaceably walking along the road. A girl of fifteen years was shot in the head at North Kearsarge. She is still languishing in the hospital with little hope of recovery. Unoffending citizens, as well as strikers, who were pursuing their way along the streets were held up and clubbed by deputies, gunmen and cavalry; treated with vile and abusive language and threatened by militia. Two militiamen attempted to rape a miner's wife in the presence of her husband by the side of a country road; drunken orgies and licentious debauchery by soldiers and young girls were not wanting. In one such instance when the night police of the town interfered, the soldiers ran and hid one of the girls, still in her teens, in the camp. It is common comment that the presence of the soldiery did not add to the moral tone of the communities where they camped, and did not augment the promise of peace.

Outrages committed by hirelings and militia, whose behavior was brutal and conduct bestial, were not considered "good news" by the kept press, while simple requests to quit work were magnified to assaults. Hundreds of strikers and women were jailed without warrant, and later haled to court on all sorts of trumped up charges, but to date only one conviction has been secured and that was for a minor offense.

Conditions Grown Worse

Since Mr. Hogerhyde's report conditions in the Calumet region have grown very much worse. John H. Walker, State President of the American Federation of Labor in Illinois and prominent member of the United Mine Workers of America, visited the scene of conflict and rendered a report concerning the employment of murderous gun-men, the outrages against women, and the illegal use of military force, which caused wide comment and greatly aided in arousing the National officials to a partial investigation and secret report to the President of the U. S., who is tacitly charged with suppressing the report for political reasons. But the outrages of the become so numerous, open and terrible, that certain members of Congress, both House and Senate, are reported as preparing to introduce drastic resolutions for a thorough investigation and complete public report concerning mining affairs in Michigan. Of course the mine owners are bitterly opposed to this. They "have nothing to arbitrate" or to make known to the people. They are "quite able to manage their own business—" and their own helpless wage slaves, with the assistance of hired private gun-men and the illegal use of State troops.

Seventy Children Killed

Two recent events of terrible import have compelled the sympathetic attention of the whole nation toward the striking miners. A Christmas entertainment for the children, which filled an upstairs hall with happy, expectant little folks, was suddenly transformed into a scene of horror by the cry of fire. There was no fire, but the children were so badly frightened—with many adults—that they could not be controlled, and about seventy were trampled to death in the mad effort to escape by the stairs. This direful calamity threw a sadness over the whole nation, and filled the hearts of the strikers with awful grief and hate. It is boldly charged that an enemy of the strikers, a Citizens' Alliance man, cried the false alarm of fire. But the truth about this may never be known. If some foolish practical joker, desiring to have a little fun and not realizing the danger, raised the cry of fire, he would not dare to confess it in face of the seventy dead and their bereaved parents. And considering how they have been robbed, impoverished, imprisoned and shot by the wicked tools of capitalism, it is not strange that the strikers believe that the destruction of their children was the wanton crime of those who are hired to break their courage and win the strike at all costs.

President Moyer Shot

Following the death ... children ... out waiting for ... heart-brok... miners to recover their mental balance, a new outrage was committed against them by the shooting, beating and transportation of C. H. Moyer, President of the Western Federation of Miners, from the state of Michigan by gun-men privately hired by the copper kings, and without the shadow or pretense of law. At this writing Moyer lies battling for life in St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, and the Michigan miners are stirred to a deeper hate and more determined resistance toward their outlaw oppressors.

Meekness of Miners

Yet, in spite of all these unspeakable suffering and these awful crimes committed against them, the miners have kept the peace; they have not armed themselves with torch and dagger and gun to wreak fiery and bloody vengeance for their wrongs. The horrible "direct action" of the mine owners has not plunged their suffering victims into a frenzy of revenge. They hold steady, maintain discipline, and only demand government investigation and a just verdict.

Great is the patience of the poor. Too great we often think. But their anger must be **enlightened** and directed toward **political** action, not insurrectional violence. **Workers who do not know enough to vote for their class on election day, will never be able to obtain freedom any other way.** Nevertheless, when an outraged workman, hounded by illegal methods of oppression, loses his balance and tries illegal methods of revenge, it is only the densely ignorant or hypocritical that will condemn him while condoning the crimes of his oppressors. **The working class is always more sinned against than sinning.**

And the class war is no pillow fight. The numberless monstrous crimes of capitalists prove this. And if goaded by unbearable injustice and outlaw methods against themselves and their families, the workers sometimes use unwise, illegal methods, let us not be so foolish, so unjust, so cruel, or so cowardly as to blame them **and excuse their oppressors for vastly** the perpetual ... owners it is a miracle of patience for the ... ers to prove so law-abiding.

Blatant Outlawry

J. B. Densmore, solicitor for the U. S. ... partment of Labor, and Congressman M... Donald (Progressive), according to the C... cago Tribune, were investigating conditi... at Calumet with much discouragement fr... the Citizens' Alliance and the agents of t... mine owners. James MacNaughton, Gene... Superintendent of the Calumet and Hecla M... ing Co., evaded them by leaving for parts u... known. The bankers and business mer... strong pillars of "law and order"—admit th... President Moyer was unlawfully dealt wi... but claim "it was necessary for the Citize... Alliance to take matters into its own hand... and declare that if Moyer returns "he will ... dealt with violently;" and they further pr... claim their opposition to government int... ference, saying they "can settle these troub... themselves." Yea, verily, they are, in th... opinion, above the law, and in their practi... outlaws.

"Why do not the courts of Michigan int... fere in behalf of the persecuted miners?" sor... innocent person may ask. It is the same o... story. It is boldly alleged that the judges ... the Supreme Court of the State of Michig... are stockholders in the copper mines and th... some of them owe their election to the i... fluence of the copper kings. Mr. C. E. M... honey, testifying before the Congression... House Rules Committee, declared that owi... to this bias of the courts all miners who a... tried are found guilty without regard to th... evidence, and that it is impossible to obta... justice against the copper kings in a Mich... gan court. Mr. Mahoney also declares th... many of the strike breakers have been brough... to the mines by false statements, that the... are kept as prisoners, not even being allowe... to read the newspapers, and that they ar... vilely fed and cared for and ... ger to s... und... conditions ...

...sured ... in the Michig... strike because ... of the many chi... dren and the well-nigh fatal assault on Moy... and his illegal deportation that a Congressiona... investigation and national publicity is no... pretty well assured when Congress reconvene...

John Mitchell, long time president of th... United Mine Workers, who has been invest... gating the situation in Michigan and latel... visited Moyer in the hospital at Chicago, sai... to a Daily News representative:

"The strike is a righteous one. The me... are contending against intolerable condition... and they are entitled to the support of th... community at large. The driving of Moye... from the state, alone, would justify govern... ment intervention."

Roman Catholic Paper Reports

The New World, Roman Catholic offic... journal of Chicago, prints an interesting ... port of the Michigan strike, taking sides w... the miners and declaring that the copper co... panies, particularly the Calumet and Hec... Mining Company, have become a menace ... freedom and prosperity and must be made ... recognize the union and deal justly with the... workmen. The reporter admits wrong h... been done on both sides, but his sympath... are clearly with the strikers. And this, ... the way, marks progress for Roman Cathol... journalism also.

The Specter of Socialism

"Before we deal with the Western Feder... tion of Miners," said John Knox, General S... perintendent of these mines, to a Chica... Tribune reporter, "water will flow out of t... shafts of the Calumet and Hecla mine... Why? Because the W. F. M. stands for... **different kind** of unionism from that of ... American Federation of Labor, for indust... **unionism.** In this the mine owners see ... threat of Socialism, and so they refuse ... recognize the W. F. M. "We are willing ... have our miners organize their own uni... said Knox; "but we will not treat with ... W. F. M." Yes, a union that the ma... themselves could control would suit them

wages. It gives the miners more power the conditions of their own lives. How-, only a small per cent of the members of W. F. M. are Socialists, else the Socialist in Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and nesota would be much larger than it is. resident Sullivan of local number 200 of W. F. M. said, "We are not all Socialists. y about five per cent of us hold member- in the Socialist party; but before this e is over there will be a lot more of us." the copper kings were wise they would their employes more fairly and not drive into the Socialist party by oppressive ods. But their illegal conduct and their rol of courts, police and state militia are ing to many miners that the Socialist party eir only ultimate hope. And to offset this , the Progressive congressmen will be ed to push government investigation and in some helpful reforms. Thus the enlarg- specter of Socialism is frightening them good deeds in behalf of labor. And So- sm will gain, not lose, by this demonstra- of its growing power.

Agitate, Educate

l readers of the **Christian Socialist** are by urged to stir up their party locals and Fellowship Centers to hold public meet- and pass resolutions of protest against anarchy, injustice and murder that pre- at Calumet and to demand of their respec- Congressmen a prompt and thorough in- gation, with full publicity, and the enact- of such laws as will prevent the inhuman, merican methods that are being used by mine owners of Calumet. **Demand the ic ownership of all mines.** They can not fully belong to private companies. Seize occasion to **agitate** and **organize** public iment for public ownership.

e issues at Calumet are the same as those e labor struggle everywhere. By mak- their cause yours you will hasten the ncipation of workmen in all parts of the ntry.

THE BUSINESS SPECIAL

ust now, while Big Business is getting a ere rubbing, is just the time to scatter our siness Special. It will open the eyes of our ristian business men and show them how y may have a business system that is at same time Christian. It will show them o how we may be rich and Christian at the e time, practically impossible now. And, st important, it will show them how we y all be rich, comfortable, and happy. This business system worth while. Now is the e to spread this great number. $8.00 per usand; $4.50 for 500.

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NATION WIDE STRIKE THREATENED

Agitation Against Outlaw Methods of Mine Operators Growing Everywhere
Congress Must Act---The Labor Question is Bigger than Questions of Tariff and Currency Reform

The failure of John B. Densmore of the U. S. Dept. of Labor to secure a fair hearing from the mine owners' managers in Michigan has caused a growing demand for a general strike of all miners throughout the nation, both coal and metalliferous. Such a strike would paralyze American business and industry for the time, but it would also have the effect of bringing the people of the nation and congress to a fair idea of the enormity of labor conditions and capitalist outlawry in the mining regions. Let us hope that the enlarging threat of a general strike will answer the purpose and make its fulfilment unnecessary. Several Congressmen and Senators are already preparing drastic resolutions. But they must take practical form in legal action if any real good is to be accomplished.

As we go to press Jan. 7, Gov. Ferris o Michigan is in the copper region investigat ing the strike. Let us hope he is not also a large stockholder in the mines. The truth can not forever be smothered.

The executive board of the W. F. M. i also at this date in session with Pres. Moyc at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, discussing th advisability of a state-wide, perhaps a nation wide strike.

God and the Social Crisis

Startling Truths for Luke-warm Christians to Ponder

By Rev. Charles G. Girelius

A truth which we need to understand is that God is an active participant in human affairs. This is a truth which even the church has forgotten. The Church indeed confesses this truth, but only in listless and conventional fashion. If she had vital possession of the truth she would be the most tremendous power in the world today. Instead of that, the Church is more like a Sampson deprived of his locks, of whom it is written "he knew not that Jehovah was departed from him."

What we need is the proclamation of a God actively participant in human affairs and in social movements. But the bulk of our preaching proclaims God chiefly as a Voice crying in the Past. The Church says, "Thus said the Lord," but not "Thus saith the Lord."

Judging from the preaching that we hear, we should say that God has become silent in these latter days—a retired, absentee God. He has become a mere historic diety. We are told what God did in the past, but we are not tol what God is doing now. Neither are we tol what is God's will concerning the world's wor of today.

God Is Speaking Now.

We are living in a day of stupendous event We are in the midst of great social mov ments; and the signs of the times are prophet of coming revolution. There is abroad a re lessness of the human spirit, and everywhe the people are thinking and rising. But whe is God? What has He to say? What will H do? The Church worships a God of the pas a God who led the slaves of Goshen out o Egypt, but who would not dare to lead t distressed workers of Lawrence, Paterso Calumet or Pittsburgh. Once rang the me sage: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisee hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and anise an cummin, and have left undone the weightie matters of the law, justice and mercy, an faith." But where is the Prophet now wh would dare to speak in God's name, sayin "Woe unto you, Presbyterians, Methodist Episcopalians, Baptists, who give to charit and are strong pillars of the churches, and wh also employ children, who hire girls for a meager wage, who exploit the labor of the poo to their own profit, who speculate in stocks an bonds, gathering unearned riches, who corn eggs and meat and bread and oil—the very n cessities of the poor! Verily, your riches sha drag you into hell."

The exploited poor are crying out for v bitterness of soul. They are crying out to Go for help, and God answers not. As in the day of Eli, the Word of God is rare in these day and there is no frequent vision. The Churc has neither voice nor vision. Sometimes w hear the solemn announcement, "God is in H holy temple, let all the earth keep silence be fore Him." But there is neither voice nor an to answer, nor any that regardeth. There no revelation of God's word, no demonstrati of divine deed. That is to say, in the sanctua where "the dim religious light" prevails, a the formal worshipper bows down to the G of the Past, praying thus with himself, "G I thank Thee, that I am not as the rest of m common laborers, drunkards, shiftless or e as this wage-earner. I attend church ev

West Virginia Miners Vindicated

Mine Operators Condemned by Congressional Committee as Violators of Constitutions of Both State and Nation

enator Borah reports that the Senate Com- tee finds as a result of its investigation of st Virginia labor conditions that the mine ners and their tools, the political and mili- authorities, have violated the constitu- ns of both state and nation by false arrests, ust trials, unlawful punishments, and crimes inst humanity and justice.

his is, as was claimed at the time by the ers, Socialists, and labor papers, and we are glad to have this high tribunal, the Senate Committee, render its verdict on the side of labor against the corrupt courts, the traitorous politicians, and the brutal soldiery.

But, gentlemen, **what is the penalty?** What will prevent such hirelings of the mine owners from doing the same again? **What influence will this decision have upon the pending conflict in Michigan where similar unconstitutional outrages are being committed now?**

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The Spirit Moves the Workers

But where the workers are gathered it is otherwise. There God's voice is heard, and God also is at work. God is saying today what He said unto Moses: "I have surely seen the afflictions of my people that are in Lawrence, in Paterson, in Calumet, and in Pittsburgh, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the capitalists, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey." God must speak and He will speak. He does speak. Atheists will declare Him if the Church does not!

It is God who declares that injustice must cease and that men must strive, not against each other, but for each other. **He will not tolerate prosperity founded on the poverty of the masses.** God has seen the pale faces of the little ones in the mills and in the coal breakers, and His wrath is kindled against those who fare sumptuously in palaces on the profits of child-labor. **God has heard the angry protests of defrauded workingmen.** He has heard the groans of those who are pushed mercilessly to the wall. He has heard the despairing cry of the widows; and His anger is kindled. God has looked upon the homes of the poor—sad contrast with the mansions of the rich, and He has seen how meager is the life of the poor; He knows how unsatisfying is their existence. He has contemplated their shriveled souls—poor, stunted, warped by want and drudgery; and His blazing anger is kindled against those who are so heartless that they can waste their lives in mansions and are sustained in idleness by the strength and skill of the toilers. And God's wrath will burn, it will overthrow, it will destroy. Our finance, our business, our industry are cursed of God until they be established in justice, until they minister to the needs of men and not to the greed of masters.

Atheism in the Church

The discontent of the people is therefore no mere godless vagary of the human mind. This unrest and the demands for justice are human responses to the moving of the Spirit of the Almighty. Certain pious conservatives tell us that the uprisings of the people, and that in particular the doctrines of the Socialists are godless and atheistic. Not so. But it is the orthodox who are athestic, when they speak thus. It is the Church who is atheistic when she preaches only a God of the dead past and denies a revelation from the God of the living present. Many Socialists, it is true, profess atheism; but even so, their intense passion for humanity and their hatred of wrong show that they are working in accord with God. I turn upon the pious and orthodox and demand: "Where do you stand with all your professed faith in the teaching of Christ? Where is your sacrifice? Where is your love for humanity?"

I confess I cannot withhold my admiration for a genuine Socialist who is also an atheist. From my soul's depth I wish he were a believer in God. But when a Socialist does not know God, and has no hope of the life immortal, it must take a splendid heart, a marvelous fineness of spirit, and a true genuineness of character to make him espouse a cause so unpopular and so loftily ideal. Whence came his inspiration, save by his unconscious groping after the Spirit of God? Believe me, **God thinks more of an atheist who has this passion for humanity than He does of a theist who is heedless of the world's misery.** Your respectable theist will go to perdition (it will be more tolerable for the inhabitants of Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for him), while your atheist, with his passion for humanity, will climb the heights of heaven.

Real Christians

But those who lead in the world's unresting protest are not all atheists. Many are Christians of the finest sort. Many have felt the inspiration of prophecy. Many have seen visions of God and have felt the touch of His Spirit. Many are ministering in genuine social service in the name of Jesus. And these are declaring that the unrest of the people is of God.

Once let the Spirit of prophecy go forth, once let the multitudes of the world's workers be convinced that God is with them, and there will be no resisting their advance. They become masters of the world, and they make it a democracy of God.

The LOST BIBLE

Banker and Angel Discuss Words of Moses and Jesus Applied to Modern Conditions

Story by REV. JAMES L. SMILEY, which Won Third Prize in recent Contest

"That man ought to be suppressed, Bishop. He is undermining the very foundations of society."

"But, my dear Mr. Nashak," replied the bishop, "if this Socialist movement be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it. Let us not prejudge it."

"What! Shall we tolerate Socialism in our very pulpits? That indeed is the limit. It is bad enough to have it ringing in our ears on the street corners, but on Sundays? and in church? Impossible!"

Thus the indignant banker raged against his own pastor, and brought complaint to the head of the diocese. In saying good-bye that night, both bishop and banker felt a mutual suspicion that they themselves were not in perfect accord on economic questions.

Mr. Nashak was president of the largest bank in the city. He was also senior warden of his church. Until recently he had basked in the sunshine of an elderly rector's preaching, whose contemplations of heaven were poetic and sublime, thrilling his devoted congregation with ecstatic joy.

Now, a younger clergyman had succeeded to the pastorate, and like a new John the Baptist, was emphasizing social righteousness as a pre-requisite to heavenly happiness.

This change was too revolutionary for the successful banker. Rent, Interest, Profit, Dividends, were as a quartette of sacred music to his ears, which blended sweetly with Sunday music so long as the pulpit spoke words of peace, or confined its denunciations to the sins of the ancient Pharisees.

And so, in no happy frame of mind, Mr. Nashak parted with the bishop that night and hurried homeward.

As he entered his own parlor, the first object upon which his eyes happened to fall was the large family Bible. Its golden clasps and richly embellished cover were numbered among the beautiful ornaments of that exquisitely furnished room, but its contents were as deeply hidden as the gold of Havilah. Tonight, however, the banker felt strongly drawn toward this Book. Not only its sacred family associations seemed to appeal to him, but the challenge of the new pastor stung him: **"You don't know your own Bible, brethren."**

"I have known it from childhood," muttered the indignant man, as he picked up the sacred volume, and, drawing a chair to the fire, laid it reverently upon his lap.

And then he mused. His wrought-up feelings gave place to reverie as he recalled the farm home of his childhood; his father's custom of gathering the family together every night for Bible reading and prayer; then the happy good night kisses and the sense of peace and security with which all retired to their rest.

Laying back his head, he contrasted the present with the past, not without an uneasy feeling that, in some respects at least, the twentieth century could not be considered an improvement over the nineteenth.

"I will read," he declared, as a restful sensation took possession of him and a new inspiration seized him. Left alone with the Book, he felt as if the busy, fretful world was fast slipping away.

He unfastened the clasps tenderly and opened, when lo! nothing was apparent to his wondering eyes but blank pages. He rubbed his glasses, adjusted them and gazed again. Yes, there was nothing before him but pure white pages—no words, no illustrations, no illuminated texts! "What can this mean?" he demanded, attempting to rise.

Just then a strong hand was laid upon his shoulder, tenderly but firmly restraining him. Then a voice, calm and musical, spoke thus:

"The contents of the Book were useless to this family. Nothing but the cover was even visible. Therefore the printed pages were carried to a poor man who craved the good things. He and his family are using them for their souls' delight."

The voice ceased. Mr. Nashak looked timidly over his shoulder and saw standing behind him the heroic form of a bright figure, such as artists attribute only to angels. Ordinarily such a sight would have terrified the bravest man, but somehow the banker felt a sensation of pride and dignity in the presence of this majestic personage.

Then, recalling his loss, he answered the words of the strange visitor with the appeal: "Oh, sir, give me back my Bible. Hereafter I shall value its contents."

"Upon this promise, it is restored," was the reply. And to the surprise and delight of the banker, the original contents immediately appeared, with only a few slight alterations introduced from the American Revised Version.

"Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest," continued the angel, "for there is much in the business world which is contrary to the Book."

"What, for example?" asked the astonished financier, who cherished great pride in our wonderful commercial developments.

"Let us compare your banking system with the demands of God's Word." And the angel turned the sacred pages and pointed out a number of passages which plainly condemned interest on money. "But," pleaded the banker, "those laws and prophecies were intended for a primitive race, never for a highly developed civilization such as ours."

"You are fatally mistaken, my dear sir," insisted the angel. "The great principles enunciated in this Book are applicable to all ages of the world. It is a living Book and as such will always be the guide of mankind. Interest is, according to the Bible, a crime against human society. You will notice that the Lord Jesus defines interest as the unjust gain of one who 'reaps where he has not sown.' (St. Matthew 25; 26-27.)

"Next, let us examine the Ten Commandments," continued the angel.

"Good!" exclaimed Mr. Nashak, "for if ever the working class needed such teaching, it is today. I wish the Decalogue could be posted in every Labor Union hall and every factory in the land." "And in every bank and counting room," added the angel, with a sad smile.

Turning to the twentieth chapter of Exodus the banker read the familiar words glibly, as he had often recited them in childhood.

"Let us, then," suggested the angel, "examine modern industrial life by these ancient, promulgated, but everlasting, laws. For brevity we will use just four, the IV, VI, VII and X:

"The Fourth Commandment forbids seven-day labor. Yet your commercial and financial interests are compelling myriads of men

...the Sixth Commandment forbids murder, ...the railroads, mines, factories, in the in...est of economy, refuse to provide adequate ...eguards against accidents and thus maim ...l murder thousands.

By the Eighth Commandment, stealing is ...bidden. You interpret this as applicable to ...ty larceny or housebreaking, but your for... that Capitalism is a huge system of rob...y, for it pays men not the full value of their ...or but generally the lowest possible wage."

"That is legitimate business," interrupted ...e astonished financier.

"Yes," solemnly replied the angel. "Ye are ...ey that justify yourselves in the sight of ...en, but God knoweth your hearts; for that ...hich is exalted among men is an abomination ... the sight of God. (St. Luke 16;15.)

"Next, the Tenth Commandment forbids ...veting. You imagine it is addressed to the ...or man who envies you your palatial home, ...ur automobile, your bank vaults, but God ...ows that the covetous rich look with envy ...on the products of labor and exploit them ... the interest of dividends."

"But," protested the banker, "you can't ...ge all this now. It would mean revolu... Civilization would be shaken to its very ...dations."

"But not overthrown," added the angel. ...u don't know your Bible. It is a Book of ...lution. By such revolutions as it inspires, ...ization shakes off the evils which threaten ...life.

The coming revolution will overthrow the ...pot—Capitalism, and re-establish man upon ...e foundation of Brotherhood. The social ...rment is now at work. The laboring class is ...aking the lead now, as they once did under ...he Carpenter of Nazareth. They are inspired ...y a new vision, which is gradually dawning ...lso upon thoughtful men in the churches and ...colleges. Capitalism is therefore doomed to ...give place to scientific Socialism."

"Socialism!" he gasped, jumping to his feet, ...and on the lips of an angel!" But the angel ...was gone. "Ah! of course, I have been dream... ...But that was a remarkable dream, so ...vid, so impressive, so long sustained. I shall ...ook up that word 'Interest' in the Bible."

Reaching for his concordance he searched ...ll the texts touching on "Interest," among ...which are the following—Exod. 22, 25; Levit. ...25, 36, 37; Deut. 23, 19; Psalm 15, 5; Ezekiel ...18, 5-13, and 22, 12; St. Matt. 23, 14, 23, 25, 27 ...and 25, 26 27; St. Luke 19, 22, 23—and found ...an invariable condemnation of the practice, ...from Moses to Christ.

The next morning early, he phoned his ...young pastor for an interview. That evening ...they dined together and the banker's dream ...furnished the ground for mutual reconciliation.

"But," protested the newly illumined man, ..."you can't expect me to revolutionize my busi...ness all at once, can you, Mr. Lovejoy?"

"By no means," replied the pastor, "the so...ial revolution must come by the united co...peration of all true patriots and God-fearing ...men."

Then after a slight pause, the minister con...nued: "Do you know, Mr. Nashak, there is ...curious mystery about the origin of family ...mes. Your name, whatever its origin, is ...entical with the Hebrew verb 'to bite as a ...erpent;' from which is derived the word for ...interest.' You are not responsible for your ...ame, but you can take away its sting by ally...ng yourself with the Christian Socialist Fel...owship, and working zealously in this great ...ause for Him who commanded, 'Be ye wise ...s serpents and harmless as doves.'"

NOT THE AGE OF REASON

By J. W. Bennett.

No, brother, this is not the age of reason.
It is not reason when men, women and children ...re crushed under the weight and power of useful, ...onsumable things of their own make.
This is the age when steel and oil and beef and ...ailroads rule; and these things do not reason.
In private hands they corrupt and debauch their ...ossessors and debase and brutalize the workers.
No heights of human perfection can be reached ...nder the rule of commodities. Man must become ...master of his own fate by gaining control of the ...assive productive forces of his own creation. Then ...he age of reason will have dawned for all.

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A BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

The **Christian Socialist**, after enduring ten years of financial hardship and heart-breaking, nerve-wrecking trials, enters the year 1914 with a much brighter outlook than it ever had before. Upon the wide, deep and strong foundations laid during the past ten years, by the loyal help of generous friends and the hard work of earnest comrades in the field, we hope to build a larger and better paper with a much increased circle of readers.

We can not tell you all this good news just now; yet, for encouragement, you who have worked so nobly deserve a glimpse of the bright foreglow of the new day which is rising upon the horizon of your beloved **Christian Socialist**. We hope soon to add two new men to our force, a business manager and a managing editor, without which no paper can succeed largely. In fact, the long life and the large measure of success won by the **Christian Socialist** so far without the help needed to man it conveniently have been the wonder of many. The vitality and strength of this paper, under the peculiar disadvantages it has suffered, seem like miracles of grace. God is with us; and notwithstanding the faults of the paper, seeing its unshrinking devotion, unquestionable courage, and unfaltering faith, He is raising up some able and earnest helpers. Therefore those who love this paper and realize its powers for good may work and give to circulate it with far greater assurance that it will live and accomplish what they desire.

THREE BEST CHANCES

The three best chances to aid the cause of Socialism are the following:

1. Secure annual subscriptions for the **Christian Socialist** or subcards at 50c each by taking four or more at once. (We are compelled to charge $1 for single subs in order to prevent the club discounts and discounts to other papers from pushing the price below 50c. We can not furnish the paper for less and pay the bills.)

2. Send $5.00 for **twenty-five** six-months subs, which you can sell or give away to **chosen people.**

3. Send $5.00 for **fifty** three-months subs and **spread a knowledge of Socialism widely among your acquaintances.**

Every preacher and teacher in your county should receive a six-months sub. Get your comrades to help you pay for them, if you are unable to do it yourself. **The best way is to persuade the people who receive the paper to pay,** therefore get a bunch of these sub cards and **sell them** to the people wherever you go.

It is useless for us to make a good paper **unless you circulate it.** Your work is absolutely necessary. Do not shirk. **The CAUSE calls for YOUR most earnest efforts now.**

MAKE THE YEAR 1914 MEMORABLE.

In the face of nation... part of working people who are ... anarchistic capitalism, and of multitudes of employed men who suffer want and unspeakable loneliness and discouragement, the preacher is a fool or a hypocrite, unworthy to stand in any pulpit dedicated to Jesus the Carpenter, who continues to drivel about abstract principles and esthetic ideas concerning this life or the next and neglects to lift his voice fearlessly, plainly, and roar like a lion of the Lord against the infamous, inhuman conditions which the workers suffer, and the outlaw, murderous methods which the "owners" use to keep their wage-slaves down. "Ministers" who remain silent, or speak softly, timidly, tentatively about such conditions as now prevail in America, falsely declaring "peace" where peace is incompatible with manhood, patriotism and freedom, deserve the contempt which is increasing among work-people toward preachers. A preacher should either stand with Jesus and the working people, or quit the pulpit for the good of true religion and humanity. "Dumb dogs that can not bark" because their mouths are closed by self-interest and fear of their wealthy supporters ought to be driven from the camp of Israel. "Watchmen on the walls of Zion" who are blind to the people's need and danger, or who have been subsidized by the people's enemies, are a disgrace and a peril to mankind and should be removed.

The din of battle deepens on the air—Preacher, AWAKE, and sound the trumpet loud and clear for justice and humanity.

The Socialists of Chicago have joined with the State Federation of Labor in large and tremendously earnest indignation meetings to protest against the outrages in the Michigan copper fields against the striking miners. Brother, **why do not the churches hold such protest meetings?** Ask every preacher and laymember you can reach with this pointed inquiry.

THE CHURCH PAPERS

Where stand the church papers in this industrial crisis? Are they telling their readers the awful story of the labor struggle for human conditions of life in West Virginia, Colorado and Michigan? Are they crying out against the anarchy, treason and cruelty of the mine owners and their hireling thugs, courts and militia? Are they **demanding justice in the** name of God for oppressed and plundered wage-slaves?

Christian comrades, write to your church papers and demand that they give larger space to the affairs of labor. Insist upon the duty of religious editors manifesting a decent regard for the struggle of the masses for bread and a human chance in life's battle for higher things. Bombard the editors of church papers with letters, clippings, articles, and wake them up. They can be a mighty power for liberty and justice. They mean well. **We need them.** Make them realize the presence of the labor struggle as the most vital and important thing to study and to write about. Each of us must do all he can to arouse the editors, if we would hasten the common deliverance.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS

The bankers and other business men are admitting now more frankly than they dared to earlier that the year 1913 was a very dull and difficult one financially. This was partly owing to the well-known law of accumulation of manufactured wealth beyond the power of the people to consume, owing to the fact that their wages do not equal the value of their production. The surplus product accumulates, gluts the market because the people who produced it have not the money to buy it back, and men must be thrown out of employment to suffer want and worry **because they have produced so much.** From this cause, coupled with wild speculations on the part of dealers, a severe financial breakdown has occurred in America about every twenty years. By greater caution in controling the output—by keeping

...all the ...e due in 1913 has ...several years, and there is ...ope that its more ruinous phase may be avoided this time.

The other source of business depression during 1913 was the national fear of the consequences of the new tariff and currency bills. As these have been enacted and seem to give pretty general satisfaction to the business men, there is now reason to think that the worst is for the present over.

Another reason for hoping for better times in 1914 is that, if Wilson's administration is crushed or permitted by the money lords to break down financially, there loom the threatening forms of the Socialist party, and Teddy the Terrible Progressive and his followers. And the capitalists would prefer the evils of a (somewhat) progressive Democratic administration than the ones they know not of, which rise large and frowning toward them behind the Socialist and Progressive movements. Therefore we think that the financial powers will be compelled to support Wilson's administration and help to pull it through.

STEALINGS OF THE STEAL TRUST

The net "earnings" of the Steel Trust for only one quarter of last year amount to $41,219,813, according to the current financial reports. Three times before these "earnings" per quarter were so large, and they are generally approximately as much.

No, John, the men who endured the hell of heat, noise, personal peril and trying toil of the production of the steel did not get any of this; nor did the widows and orphans of those who were killed at work get any of it; nor did the men who were crippled for life in steel mill accidents get any of it; nor did those who actually rendered useful service as superintendents get any of it. This stupendous amount of money extracted from the labor, pain, want and death of the mill workers and their families and from the people who in the last analysis paid for the steel, went to those who "own the stock" in the company, most of whom do nothing useful, but merely idle their ...me away in unearned luxury at home or abroad.

And as long as the common people like to contribute so much each quarter to the pleasure of these useless parasites at the expense of themselves, they will continue to vote old party tickets. When they really get tired of being ridden like docile donkeys by such idlers they will vote for Socialism. Until then there is no hope.

What about you? You are tired of it now? Well, help wake your neighbors up. A good club of subscribers to the **Christian Socialist** will greatly hasten that much desired result. We must convert the others. It is impossible for us to achieve Socialism by ourselves. **Do not loaf on your Job.**

RECOGNIZE CONSTITUTIONALISTS

Editorial writers who are purchased or hoodwinked by capitalist forces continue seeking to excite the people of the United States concerning affairs in Mexico, where foreign speculators, like W. R. Hearst, have large property interests, and where the common people are dispossessed, commercially and politically, and must fight for a chance to live. If the United States would recognize the constitutionalists as a belligerent power—and after years of organized warfare against tremendous odds they surely deserve that much—permit them to obtain arms and ammunition in America, and warn all foreign governments that the Monroe Doctrine still holds good in Mexico, we believe the "Constitutionalists" would soon get control of the country and honorably pacify it. But the Hearst chain of papers, and others, continue their attempts to involve our country in an unjust and needless war merely to gratify the ambitions of certain capitalistic pirates who have obtained possession, for a mere song, of the bulk of the Mexican land, mines, oil wells, rubber, fruit and timber interests, and the railroad and banking business.

If these commercialized editors really care for peace, if it is loss of life they are grieving over, they might better consider the terrible industrial war that rages all over the United States, especially just now in West Virginia, Colorado and Michigan, and the half million men that are killed or crippled annually in this country by needless industrial accidents.

Let Mexico alone,
We've troubles of our own.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CHICAGO CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST FELLOWSHIP

The Chicago Center of the Christian Socialist Fellowship in regular monthly meeting hereby offers its protest against the inhuman and unlawful practices of the mine owners in the Calumet district in Michigan, and we heartily sympathize with the afflicted miners in their sorrows occasioned by the awful tragedy resulting in the death of seventy-two children and eleven adults on Christmas eve; and we also join with them in expressing deep grief and indignation on account of the cruel assault upon and illegal deportation of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners. And we, therefore, adopt the following:

Resolved, That the workers of the whole nation be urged so to unite their forces as to make a strike in Michigan, Colorado, or anywhere else, a nation-wide strike, both industrially and politically, no longer permitting themselves to be slain or defeated in small phalanxes. And, be it further,

Resolved, That we will join with the organized workers in every legitimate way to end the class war by the establishment of industrial and political democracy.

C. L. Breckon, L. J. Bates and Charles M. Leffler, committee.

Done at Chicago, Dec. 28, 1913.

WHAT THEY SAY OF IT

"It is the strongest statement upon what I have never before seen any clear light on the Parable of the Talents and I want to get it before a few of my friends the enemy. It is inspiring to have some of these points of refuge torn away and cleared up so we can feel our religion rests on consistency and justice. Yours for the truth."—Emma R. Goodwin, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

"The Parable of the Talents is surely a surprise to me."—C. M. Cronk, Wisconsin.

He ordered copies sent to his friends.

"Is there a Socialist preacher or lover of truth anywhere in the world to whom your article 'Christ's Parable of the Talents' is not worth at least one year's subscription to the Christian Socialist. Have found many such issues of the Christian Socialist during the year. Come again."—Otto Vierling, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Missouri.

"One of the best articles I ever read."—J. N. Peters. He ordered a bundle for distribution.

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"Dear Comrades: One of the friends to whom I ordered the Christian Socialist sent a few weeks ago (not a Socialist) writes: 'I have just been reading Rev. Carr's sermon on Jesus and the Class Struggle. I read it aloud to the folks. It's fine. If only one could hear more sermons like that from the pulpit. . . I am glad you sent me the Christian Socialist. I won't say I've enjoyed reading them—that's too tame a way of putting it. Really I have been quite stirred up by my perusal of these copies.'"

The above encouraging word was received by a college professor in a letter from a friend and passed on to us.

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The Dec. 1 issue, containing the great article on **Jesus and the Class Struggle** is yet in print and may be had at one cent per copy in bundles. $4.50 for 600 copies. $8 per 1,000.

The Jan. 1 issue, containing the striking article on THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS may yet be obtained, if you order soon, at the same price.

Both these impressive articles will soon be out of print. If you want any, order soon.

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Every one who is truly a Socialist oug... join the Socialist party. Get in and help w... If it is not exactly what you think it ou... to be, get in and help make it right; ... through the referendum, the rank and file ... make it what they will. It is the only p... in America which the rank and file can ... rectly control by means of the referend... And the more "people of the right sort," ... yourself, who come into the party the bette... will be.

To vote the Socialist ticket does not m... you a party member. It is necessary to j... a party local and pay dues. If there is no lo... in your vicinity, start one. If you do not kn... how to start a local, write for information ... the National Office of the Socialist Party, ... North Market Street, Chicago, Ill.

IT'S UP TO YOU AND ME

I do not heed the Preacher when he tells ... to forbear,
And I don't like wild effusions over "de... that SHOULD BE square."
But when I hear a Socialist bewail his s... lot,
Berating all the Upper Dogs, I say it n... me hot!

For it's up to me and you, Boys!
It's up to US today.
You'll never see the man on top
Abbreviate his stay.
So do a little work, Boys,
Annex our brothers, too,
And bear the thought in mind, that
It's up to me and you!

There is no use in fuming o'er the capitalis... lot;
He simply has the things today we WAN... and HAVEN'T got;
He's keen about his interests, and he tak... the way to WIN,
And it's folly yelling, "Robber! Renegade ... or "Crime!" and "Sin!"

'Cause it's simply up to you, Boys!
Old Rockefeller's wise,
We'll get his abdication
When we're angels in the skies;
So pull yourselves together,
And whate'er you think or do,
Remember this is OUR fight;
It's up to me and YOU!

You can't persuade the cat, Boys, to let th... bird go free;
He doesn't care a rap about what conduc... "OUGHT" to be;
He doesn't care a rap while we go our SEP... ARATE ways;
While we are not UNITED, it's the MIL... LIONAIRE who STAYS!

So give yourselves a hunch, Boys,
The Upper Ten are ON;
They'll be living in their luxury
When we are dead and gone,
If we do not get together,
Do not cease to wait and stew!
And recognize the fact—that
It's up to me and you!

Just spend a little; get our fellow workm... to unite!
A word from Marx will show how proletari... can fight;
And put your shoulders to the wheel, for tha... the only way,
And push the fight until the Under Dog sh... have his Day!

For it's up to me and you, Boys!
The Other Fellow's wise,
He's like a sleepy cat until
We start to ORGANIZE;
And you cannot blame the cat, Boys,
For what YOU LET HIM DO;
So it's simply up to us, Boys,
It's up to me and you!

—Mary E. Marcy, in Socialist Dialogues and Rec... tations. 60 page pamphlet, 25 cents.

NOTABLE REFORM

Y THE FORD AUTOMOBILE CO

$10,000,000.00 TO BE DIVIDED

VENTY-SIX THOUSAND EMPLOYES TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM ACCUMULATED WEALTH

A fund of $10,000,000 has been set aside by the rd Motor company of Detroit for distribution ong the employes of the concern. It will be en out in the form of increased wages and in ny cases will amount to doubling the wages now eived by the workers.

The plan will go into effect immediately for most the employes. All men employes over 22 years age will receive their first increased pay on Jan. The majority of them, now receiivng $2.34 a will be raised to about $5. This will affect 90 cent of the men.

he experts, who receive $6 and $7 a day, will taken care of under a special plan and their in- se will be proportional to that of the lower paid n. About 300 women and 500 men under 22 years also will be investigated and a special provision le to include them in the benefit.

Plan Will Aid 26,500

n all 26,500 persons will be aided by the scheme. se include the 15,000 now employed in the Ford t here, 7,500 in the assembling stations through- the country, and 4,000 men who are to be added he force immediately.

the same time the wages are increased the pany will put into force an arrangement by n the employes will work only eight hours a instead of nine as at present.

The money for the fund is to come out of the kets of the stockholders of the company, accord- to the announcement made today, and there will no increase in the price of the Ford machines.

Justice Begins at Home

Henry Ford, president of the company, explains change in the following statement:

"It is our belief that social justice begins at home. want those who have helped us to produce this eat institution and are helping to maintain it to are our prosperity.

"Believing, as we do, that a division of our earn- gs between capital and labor is unequal, we have ought a plan of relief suitable for our business. We o not feel sure that it is the best, but we have felt pelled to make a start and make it now. We do ot agree with those employers who declare, as did recent writer in a magazine, in excusing himself r not practicing what he preached, that the move- ent toward the bettering of society must be uni- ersal; we think that the concern can make a start nd create an example for other employers, and at is our chief object."

FORD AUTO REFORM

All up-to-date people will agree that Ford uto reform—and that every other owner of g factories, mines, mills and railroads ought too. In the circumstances, it is the wisest, blest thing the Fords could do. They have measurably improved upon the methods of coarse capitalists who continue to pay wages and then use a few "crumbs" their enormous profits with which to y cheap notoriety as "charity" mongers. rds give the surplus to those who have pro- ced it. The remarks of Henry Ford, if they authentic, prove that he has achieved a her, broader, more human vision of social tice than most men of his class. We con- tulate him, and his employes. We shall ait with much interest to see how fully d fairly this plan is carried out. And we edict that if the plan is conscientiously rried out the Ford Automobile business will much more prosperous than formerly.

But, as Henry Ford says, this is only a art" toward social justice. This example ll not be followed by many. Most of the ster class are too blindly hoggish ever to ld their advantage voluntarily; and if they this plan would never solve the unem- d problem. The government alone can de work for all and guarantee justice for and in order to do so, the government st own and manage the general means of ducing and distributing wealth. The mines all kinds, the railroads, telegraph and tele- one systems, water power, and all govern- ment owned land are the places at which the people in general must begin first.

Ford's high deed will inspire others to think and do also; and thus, by each thinking and doing the best he can, the light will spread until the problem of how to obtain plenty will be solved by and for the whole people.

Comrade in vision and poverty, do your share by circulating Socialist literature.

MARYLAND—ATTENTION.

All readers of the Christian Socialist in Maryland are cordially urged to become workers in the Fellowship.

There is a great deal of Socialist sentiment in our midst, but it does not become effective until put into practical working order. "Be ye doers of the word," says St. James, "and not hearers only."

At present we have three centers in the State, viz.: Baltimore, Howard Park and Annapolis. The Baltimore center meets at the Central Young Men's Christian Association; the Howard Park (suburban) in the several homes of its members, and Annapolis meets in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce.

We want more workers and more centers distributed over the State. Let Maryland maintain her reputation for chivalry in this respect. I shall be glad to consult with any who has a mind to work.

Very respectfully,

(Rev.) JAMES L. SMILEY,
State Secretary for the Christian Socialist Fellowship.
Annapolis, Md.

HINTS TO THE WISE

Dear Brother and Comrade Carr:—In sending the amount for these subscribers—all comrades—it rejoices me to find fellow-comrades also here at Wauboy, S. D.—16 or more out and out, and many who are in the "making." It's great to find men working for corporations who are strong Socialists. I believe if all who talk socialism would leave anti-religious talk alone, we would certainly gain influence among those who believe in Christ and His gospel.

As editor of the S. S. lessons in our Norwegian Baptist paper, I find in almost every utterance of the great Master potential "seed-thoughts" for Christian Socialism.

Sincerely,

L. J. ANDERSON,

Formerly Socialist Mayor of Hillsboro, N. D., now State Missionary to Danes and Norsemen in So. Dakota.

BROTHERHOOD WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The National Convention of the International Brotherhood Welfare Association, is called to meet at Cleveland, Ohio.

It will commence its sessions on Tuesday, January 27th, and continue from day to day until all business is transacted.

This organization has affiliated locals in most of the large cities. Its object is to assist and protect our unemployed and migratory workers, when in need, and to organize the unorganized.

We have many vital and urgent matters to be considered by the Convention, in which we need suggestion and counsel from all who are genuinely interested in securing National, State and Local support for measures tending to help those able and willing to work.

Amongst these vital and urgent matters special attention will be given to the following:

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAUS.
2. INSURANCE AGAINST UNEMPLOY-

[illegible]
FOR THE UNEMPLOY[illegible]
4. A UNIVERSAL FRA[illegible]
DUSTRIAL WORK.

If your organization will send [illegible] you will come in person, please notify us [illegible] letter addressed to the National Headquarters, Elm st., St. Louis, Mo.

Very Fraternally,
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD WELFARE ASSOCIATION.
R. W. Irwin, Nat. Chairman.
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HOW THE ARISTOCRACY WORK AN WHAT COMES OF IT

A bright squib appears in the Liverp (England) Forward. A certain Mr. H. Le Jones wrote to the Liverpool Courier a sco ful comment upon a statement made by Labor Leader of Manchester to the effect th "the lord fulfils no useful function, and the aristocracy as a whole are idle and less." This so much aroused Mr. H. Le Jones' ire that he recklessly rushed in "wh angels fear to tread" and characterized statement as "economic nonsense," deny that the aristocrats are idle and usele Thereupon the editor of Forward, replying Jones' article in the Courier "dealt with th gentleman with a directness that should con vince him of the desirability of speaking here- after in whispers about 'economic nonsense,'" declares the Labor Leader. Then ironically agreeing with Mr. H. Lee J. Jones that the aristocracy is not idle, Forward particular- izes:

The members of the aristocracy are often exces- sively busy, as we all know. Many of them work extremely hard in tempting frail women to break the seventh commandment, as is shown by Divorce Court records. They toil wearily during the hunt- ing season chasing wretched foxes over the coun- tryside until, bursting with fatigue and terror, the unhappy beasts come to a standstill, and are man- gled by their trained hounds. During the swelter- ing month of August the aristocracy are work away like blacks. Standing behind barricades, t shoot down tame pheasants that are driven past, having time even to load their own guns, but tak them from the keeper as fast as he can refill. T [illegible] ing race meetings, and deciding the safest to back. Aristocracy id in and year out they are hard at and oft morning dawns and finds th at interminable routs and balls. B described, there is the constant rou charity concerts, opening bazaars, bridge parties, and the irksome duty Row.

The aristocracy of America same "honorable" and "useful" tinuing, Forward furnishes Mr. Jones a very illuminating kinderg in economics:

Ten men form a community. By all some useful function, such as tilling weaving and spinning, or building hous ing bread, they are able to produce a livelihood for all the ten. So far so goo of the men possess pieces of parchment say, by some mysterious process, give. right to own all the land from which the s of the ten is derived. The remaining eig men after Mr. Jones' own heart, cheerful Accordingly the two titled persons refuse form any of the vulgar, useful functions, t themselves in adorning themselves, or monkeys, or lecturing the other eight on vantages of having superior titled persons to a tone to the community. It seems fairly that the eight common persons will have harder in order to find food and clothes a for ten. When the two superior gentlem that it is undignified for them to dress then they will withdraw two more men from the mon eight, in order to act as valets or flun their noble selves. There will be six reap and sow, and build and bake to s needs of ten. Obviously the six will hav still harder and longer. Thus we get an the unintelligent question of Mr. Jones possible to obtain a comfortable livelih by all performing useful functions, the people withdrawn from useful work, th lot of the remaining workers becomes. the two titled persons in the communit busy drawing rent and amusing themse as our aristocracy do. And their two f were busy, busy administering to the w useless artistocrats, and the remaining busy (and poor) in doing work for the the four useless men—two of whom we the fruits of other's labor—set them to and there would be enough for all.

True courage is that noble quality of makes us forget how afraid we are.—Pu